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TOPIC Cottbus AirfieldEVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 1 July to 3 August 1951DATE OBTAINED 25X1C DATE PREPARED 10 September 1951

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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SOURCE

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1. On 26 July 1951, there was no flying at Cottbus airfield. Twenty-six Pe-2s were counted in front of the hangars. * Source had the impression that the work on the runway was nearing completion. ** Sod was being transplanted. The KfW Bauhof Construction Firm, Cottbus, (Kommunales Wirtschaftsunternehmen) (Communal Enterprise) withdrew its equipment from the field.
2. On 26 July, about 30 twin-engine aircraft were parked in two groups in front of the buildings located in the northeastern section of the field. About 60 German laborers were doing grading work in the western section of the field. The settlement in the northeastern section of the field was occupied by Soviet dependents. Trucks were observed at the field.
3. On 3 August, there was intensive day and night flying. The spotlights near the Kolkwitz radio installation were in operation. *** Day flying was practiced by the aircraft stationed at the field and by type-27 jet bombers. The noise of jet bombers was not heard during night flying.

25X1A * Comment. The number of aircraft observed confirms the presence of a bomber regiment. The regiment is equipped with about 35 Pe-2s. Although the runway is long enough for jet bombers, no type-27 jet planes have been seen at the field.

25X1A ** Comment. The reported work on the runway refers to the grading of a strip in its western extension. Grading of this strip was probably done so that aircraft may taxi beyond the western end of the runway. The hard surface of the runway was not extended to the west.

25X1A *** Comment. The Kolkwitz radio installation is a landing beacon of Cottbus airfield.

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